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Designer Glenroy March (in black) poses with the frontline workers at Brooklyn Hospital after making donation of masks to the staff in the fight against COVID-19. See page 7

Fewer reports of child abuse amidst COVID-19

By Kimmy Blair
Street Hype Reporter

April was Child Abuse Prevention Month, and across the country, states are reporting fewer calls to child abuse hotlines, not because officials believe there are fewer cases but because they're going unreported.

"The risk to children increases when contact with mandated reporters, such as teachers and health care providers, decreases," Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark.

The Instant Response Team (Administration for Children's Services, NYPD and Bronx DA's Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau) jointly

investigated 34 incidents of severe abuse or maltreatment in the Bronx in April, compared to 103 incidents during March (schools closed on March 16) and 152 incidents in January.

District Attorney Clark urged the people of the Bronx on April 27th to be vigilant about children at risk of abuse or neglect during the COVID-19 crisis, as social distancing and home schooling is isolating children from teachers, pediatricians, daycare staff and others who would normally be checking on their safety.

She said, "As a direct result of this pandemic, we are seeing an enormous drop in reporting of abuse. We at the Bronx District

Attorney's Office continue to work with the Bronx Special Victims Squad of the NYPD and other partnering agencies to ensure that children in our community are kept safe."

If you suspect a child is being abused, neglected or maltreated, please report it to the numbers below.

If you have any questions, call the Bronx District Attorney's Office Child Abuse Hotline at 718-838-7344.

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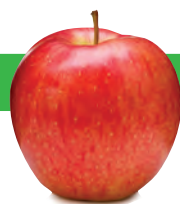
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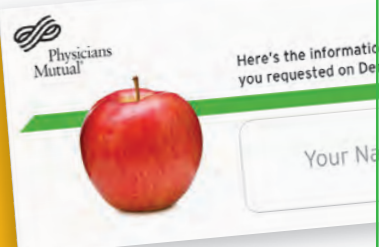
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EDITORIAL

The Disinfectant President

President Donald Trump recently advised medical experts to look into the possibility of injecting disinfectant as a treatment for the coronavirus. Shortly after, Twitter and Facebook feeds got wild with commentaries dispelling his notion and spewing out words that express and denies his non-existent medical background.

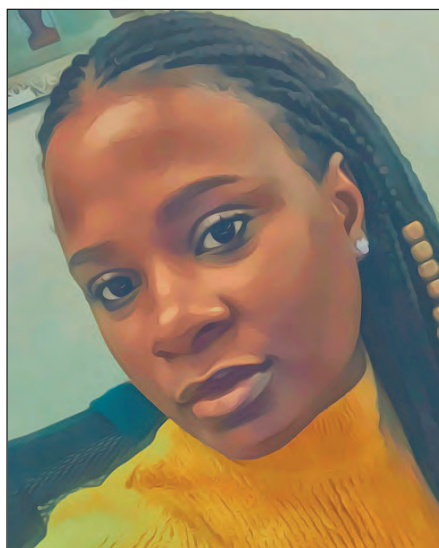
For the past few weeks, America and other countries have been faced with the Coronavirus pandemic. Leaders around the world are seeking and investigating ways to eradicate or treat the virus.

Conversely, I do not encourage or agree with the act of injecting disinfectants such as Lysol or Clorox bleach in the body primarily since it the label on the bottles warns against the in taking of such liquid. Therefore, I can only imagine what would have occurred in the body with an injection.

However, with another look, President Trump announced the act of getting an injection with a cleaning agent as a cure but what if he means that we all need to be cleansed for this virus to be removed.

In other words, for this virus to leave the land, the infected person or persons and the almost infected that includes all of us, need to be cleansed. I believe he recognizes that something is wrong as a leader looking on but was unable to articulate it in a way that could bring understanding. What is needed is something that can cleanse us without killing us, such as social distancing and the urge for everyone to stay inside.

Eco Watch has pointed out that the virus has caused massive dips in industrial activity and demand for oil and experts estimated that carbon emissions have fallen



By Solemn_Vow
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by nearly one-fourth in China, which is the world's largest carbon emitter. Therefore the atmosphere is becoming cleaner, positively impacting the climate.

We are all interconnected, and the earth is depending on us— when we are cleansed, the whole earth will heal.

You can argue that what he said is what he meant but let us move beyond what is easily seen for a moment. President Trump's statement may have been ludicrous, but he had the right concept.

The truth is we are fighting an invisible enemy, and we need an invisible fighting agent to defeat it. Is that cleaning agent already in the world and do we have access to it? President Trump probably mentioned an antidote that seems foolish, but what is certain is that he was hinting at something that we completely missed.

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Andrew Holness
Prime Minister

All Jamaicans must wear a mask in public

By Tanesha Mundle, JIS

All Jamaicans have now been mandated to wear a mask, once they are in the public space.

The Government had previously ordered persons with flu-like symptoms and respiratory illnesses, individuals over the age of 65, persons caring for someone at home with a flu-like or respiratory illness, and others with comorbid conditions, such as diabetes or hypertension, to wear a mask in public.

But Prime Minister, the Most Hon. Andrew Holness, on Monday (April 20), emphasised that everyone is now required to wear a mask, while announcing new and adjusted measures aimed at containing the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19).

"The wearing of a mask is now

mandatory in all public spaces and that would include all public passenger vehicles, and I would encourage all Jamaicans to comply, as we are close to being in that phase of community spread," he said, during a virtual press conference at Jamaica House, in Kingston.

The Prime Minister explained that the protective gear does not have to be a traditional mask and that persons can make their own mask from clothing accessories. "It could be a scarf, but the masks that we are used to, which go over your ears, we recommend those as the best types because they are functional, they have the material that filters the virus that we're trying to avoid. If you can get those, that's great, but what we really want is the covering of the nose and the mouth," he said.



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NEWS

Jamaica Diaspora, Northeast anguished and incensed by the Tragic death Jodian Fearon

Dear Editor,

The Jamaica Diaspora Northeast Health Sector, USA, is anguished and incensed by the tragic death in childbirth of Jodian Fearon. Situated as a part of the Global Jamaica Diaspora Council, the mission of the Jamaica Diaspora Northeast, USA, is to mobilize Jamaicans at home and abroad, in a non-partisan manner, to nation-build in strategic areas.

In the throes of the coronavirus pandemic, the world has been paying homage to the heroic efforts of hospital workers who risk their lives every day administering professional and compassionate care to patients and the paramount importance of saving a life. It shows the divine nature of every human being.

The horrendous treatment of Jodian Fearon on the eve of giving birth reveals a breakdown in medical ethics on the part of the institutions involved. There is no excuse for the unprofessional treatment that Jodian Fearon suffered. A patient in an advanced state of childbirth and in need of timely medical intervention cannot be mercilessly shuffled from one hospital to another. Her life and the life of the unborn child were treated in a manner unbecoming that of a humane society.

As healthcare professionals, it is clear that changes are necessary for the regulation of both public and private hospitals. In the case of a citizen of Jamaica experiencing medical distress, it has to be the responsibility of a hospital, public or private, to admit the patient and commit to that stabilization of the patient.

In that regard, we are recommending that hospitals have the legal obligation of admitting and stabilizing patients in a state of emergency. Such a law does exist on the federal level in the United States. The death of Jodian Fearon necessitates legislation of that kind. We should use this tragedy as a teaching moment in society, and in that regard, Jodian's tragic death will not be in vain.

As the investigation proceeds, The Jamaica Diaspora Northeast, USA, stands ready to collaborate with the pertinent individuals and organizations to provide resources, strategy, and expertise vis-a-vis the efficacy of such a law.

We are, etc.

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Jodian Fearon

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Jodian Fearon, the 23-year-old expectant mother went into labour on April 23 and was admitted to the Andrews Memorial Hospital (AMH) in Kingston, where she was already scheduled to have her C-Section. Fearon reportedly had flu-like symptoms including shortness of breath – a symptom of labor. She was denied services at the hospital after the medical staff feared that she had the highly contagious COVID-19. The pregnant woman who was in labour was taken to the country's largest maternity facility, Victoria Jubilee Hospital (VJH) but they advised her doctor that they did not have room there to admit her. Spanish Town Hospital, St Catherine offered to accept her. After giving birth to her daughter, she was transferred to UHWI because of complications. The following morning, on April 25, Fearon passed away from cardiac arrest

Over 10,000 Coronavirus cases in the Caribbean

News Americas:

The number of cases of the novel coronavirus in the Caribbean continues to increase, despite a slow down in some countries, with the total passing 10,000 last night.

According to a NAN analysis, the Caribbean now has 10,601 confirmed cases of the virus while the death tally reached 524 Sunday night.

The Dominican Republic leads the region still with the most cases, reaching 6,135 cases last night and 278 deaths.

Puerto Rico has the second highest cases of COVID-19 in the Caribbean with 1,307 cases and 83 deaths while Cuba reached 1,369 cases Monday and 54 deaths.

Jamaica has the most cases of any English-speaking Caribbean country and the fourth highest now in the region with 422 cases and 7 deaths.

Here's where the rest of the region stacked up as of last night in terms of cases and deaths:

Martinique – 170 cases and 14 deaths; Guadeloupe – 149 cases and 12 deaths; Trinidad and Tobago – 115 plus

Dominican Republic – 6,135

Cuba – 1,369

Puerto Rico – 1,307

Jamaica – 422

8 deaths; Aruba – 100 plus two deaths; French Guiana – 109 plus one death; Bermuda – 109 and 5 deaths; Barbados – 79 and 6 deaths; Sint Maarten – 74 plus 13 deaths; Guyana – 74 plus 8 deaths; Cayman Islands – 70 plus one death; Bahamas – 80 plus 11 deaths; Haiti – 74 plus 6 deaths; US Virgin Islands – 57 plus 4 deaths; St. Martin – 38 plus 3 deaths; Antigua & Barbuda – 24 plus 3 deaths; Belize – 18 plus 2 deaths; Dominica – 16; St. Lucia – 15; Saint Kitts & Nevis – 15; Curacao – 16 cases plus 1 death; Grenada – 18; Vincent and the Grenadines – 14; Montserrat – 11 plus 1 death; Turks & Caicos – 11 plus 1 death; Suriname – 10 plus one death; St. Barth – 6; British Virgin Islands – 5 plus 1 death; Anguilla – 3; Sint Eustatius and Saba – 5

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NEWS

Coronavirus shutdown to be extended for parts of New York

By Kimmy Blair
Street Hype Reporter

Coronavirus shutdown orders will be extended for much of New York beyond the current mid-May directive, Gov. Andrew Cuomo said Monday on May 27th.

"May 15 is when the PAUSE regulations expire statewide," said Cuomo in an Albany press briefing, referring to his orders prohibiting non-essential business and gatherings. "I will extend them in many parts of the state, but in some parts ... you can make the case that we should unpause by May 15."



Gov. Andrew Cuomo

Cuomo did not reveal when the extension will run through, or exactly which parts of the state will be included, but strongly implied that hard-hit New York City would be included, saying, "You have to be smart about it," and noting that the

Big Apple had higher infection numbers than many countries.

On Sunday, May 26th the unveiled plans for a piecemeal return to normalcy in which construction and manufacturing jobs in some parts of New York would be the first to trickle back — even as hard-hit regions like the Big Apple and Long Island remained offline.

Cuomo teased the extension as he detailed the troubling results of the latest round of antibody testing, which suggest that nearly 25 percent of New Yorkers may have contracted the coronavirus at some point, as opposed to 14.9 percent statewide.

COVID-19

Confirmed cases

As of May 3, 2020, a total of 3,484,352 cases are confirmed in more than 180 countries and 217 territories. There are 1,116,582 recovered and 244,722 deaths.

United States

Confirmed 1,160,838; Recovered 173,725 and Deaths 67,448.
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New York

Confirmed 172,000; Recovered 13,000 and Deaths 7,067.

Rates by Borough

This following shows the number of positive cases per 100,000 people in each borough. It indicates the spread of COVID-19 relative to each borough's population.

Rate per 100,000 people Count

Brooklyn 44,303

Citywide 166,883

Manhattan 20,693

Queens 51,709

Staten Island 11,999

The Bronx 38,099

Tenants want rent cancel

By Kimmy Blair
Street Hype Reporter

Rent is due every first of the month but today organizers in major cities are calling for immediate rent cancellation. There is currently state eviction moratorium, meaning landlords cannot evict tenants for not paying rent, but that's not a long-term solution for thousands of tenants.

Dozens of organizations across the city are calling for rent cancellation as thousands of New Yorkers filed for unemployment.

Organizations like the Metropolitan Council on Housing is one of dozens of groups forming rent strikes. They argue that

many tenants are worried about what will happen when the moratorium is lifted in June. The reality is landlords will be able to make a case against a tenant for not paying rent. Activists say the governor needs to act now.

The Metropolitan Council on Housing also wants the governor to allow tenants not to pay rent for three months after the pandemic is over to help people get back on their feet.

The council says if a landlord shows up to a tenant's door trying to evict them, they are advised to call the police.

On Thursday, May 30th, Governor Andrew Cuomo spoke on this matter briefly as

he was asked what relief tenants can expect in the upcoming months. "You cannot be evicted for non-payment of rent. We did that by an executive order. That executive order has weeks left to run. So, I'm not saying people shouldn't pay the rent; you should pay the rent if you can pay the rent. But if you can't pay the rent, you're not going to be evicted," says Gov. Cuomo.

On May 1st hundreds of tenants are expected to participate in a rent strike. They're encouraged to bang pots and pans out their windows at 2 p.m. calling out to the governor to cancel rent now.

Thousands of School Bus Workers Furloughed as Schools Remain Closed

Manhattan, New York:

Thousands of school bus drivers and attendants have been furloughed after their contracts were not renewed by the city while schools remain closed because of the pandemic.

Letters were sent out on Thursday, May 30th to workers for at least eight bus companies.

More absences are expected in the next few days, and the move is expected to affect about 14,000 workers.

While on leave, workers will not get paid and will not have health insurance.

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Supreme Court makes it harder for Green Card holders to get relief from deportation

By Kristin Macleod-Ball
 www.immigrationimpact.com

In a 5-4 decision on April 23, the U.S. Supreme Court expanded the types of criminal offenses that bar green card holders from seeking a form of relief from deportation.

The case, *Barton v. Barr*, is about who is eligible to apply for a form of relief from deportation called cancellation of removal. Cancellation allows certain long-time residents to ask an immigration judge to allow them to stay in the United States.

People who do not meet the eligibility requirements are not allowed to even ask an immigration judge to cancel their deportation. One eligibility requirement is that an immigrant must have lived in the United States continuously for either seven or 10 years, depending on whether they are a permanent resident with a green card.

But committing certain criminal offenses cut off a person's ability to have their deportation canceled. Essentially, certain types of crimes stop the seven and 10-year clocks. The person can no longer accumulate the time needed in the United States to meet the seven- and 10-year requirements.

In *Barton*, the Supreme Court broadly interpreted what types of offenses trigger this “stop-time” rule.

The Court was considering the case of Andre Martello Barton, a man who had legally lived in the United States since he



was 10 years old. He has four U.S. citizen children and has not returned to Jamaica, his country of origin, in 25 years.

The immigration judge in his case had found that, if he had been permitted to apply for cancellation, Barton would have received it.

However, the Supreme Court upheld a decision finding that he was barred from applying for cancellation due to a criminal conviction. It did so even though that criminal conviction could not have been the basis for a removal order to begin with.

The Supreme Court's decision was split. The four liberal justices dissented. They pointed out that, in order to deny Barton and others like him any opportunity to seek this form of relief from deportation, the majority of the Court had to ignore language in the statute that creates the eligibility rules for cancellation.

This decision comes at a time when immigration agencies have already been

making it more difficult to obtain relief from removal and legal immigration status. This is the wrong approach. Continuing to make it harder for those with deep ties to the United States to stay here will only make life more difficult for them, their families, and communities.



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Designer D'Marsh donates masks to Brooklyn Hospital

NEW YORK, NY:

Jamaican-born designer Glenroy March and his fashion brand D'Marsh Couture has joined in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. Recently, the independent fashion designer presented healthcare workers at Brooklyn Hospital with a donation of masks to thank them for their service.

The staff expressed their gratitude to the Jamaican-born designer adding that the fashionable masks will certainly add color and brighten their day.

D'Marsh and his team will make another donation in the coming weeks to Brooklyn Hospital which will comprise additional masks plus head covering, before moving on to other hospitals in the tri-state.

Here's how you can help D'Marsh continue its support of the frontline workers.

Visit their website: dmarshcouture.com/store as the designer is partnering with Av Norden to design, produce, and distribute essential protective gear for frontline workers. For every mask sold, they will produce and distribute a mask and head covering to healthcare workers.

Additionally, with your donation, they will produce and distribute head coverings and masks for healthcare workers. you can also make a donation at www.dmarshcouture.com/donate

House of D'Marsh had its genesis in Spring 2003 when designer Glenroy March launched his Spring collection during Caribbean Fashion Week in Jamaica's capital city, Kingston. This start gave rise to the pursuit of a passion by a talented Jamaican who would later go on to stun audiences not just locally but internationally.

With an eye for detail and perfection, the New York based March, honed his design skills at the prestigious American Academy of Dramatic Arts, obtaining practical experience while working in the costume department.

Minister Marion Hall denies US visa

Minister Marion Hall, formerly Lady Saw, denied visa reserved for people with extraordinary ability.

No one is flying anywhere right now. But that doesn't mean celebrities shouldn't have their travel documents in order, or that embassy offices have halted processing applications.

The assertion rings true with the latest social media appearance of Minister Marion Hall, formerly known as Lady Saw, lamenting the denial of a United States O1 visa.

"When I was Lady Saw, I got all these O1 visas. They're given to people of status, like celebrities. In this time here, when the virus is going around, I couldn't believe that I just now get the letter of denial to say, since you've become a gospel artiste, we no longer see you as that person with status," the once reigning Queen of Dancehall said in a video floating around the Internet.



Minister Marion Hall

Gil Bailey died of Covid-19

By Anthony Turner

Veteran Jamaican born radio pioneer Gil Bailey, regarded by his peers and contemporaries as the "God Father" of New York radio passed away on Monday, April 13, reportedly from complications related to COVID-19.

For over 50 years, Gil who was born in St Thomas, Jamaica and his wife Pat Bailey were at the forefront of Caribbean radio with their own brand of entertainment catering to listeners in North America on stations such as WHBI, WNWK and WPAT. The two stamped their own style of interaction and rapport with radio listeners establishing a loyal fanbase along the way.

Without much fanfare and public posturing, the husband and wife team gave many Jamaican/Caribbean artistes the platform for success until in December 2016 when his wife passed away. After a brief sojourn, Gil returned to the airwaves, hosting a popular



Gil Bailey

online radio program on his gilbaileyradio.com network that garnered a global following.

In the 2008 Arbitron Winter ratings for

Caribbean radio programs heard in the New York Metro area judged the the Gil & Pat Bailey (WPAT) one of most popular programs with an impressive Average Quarter Audience (AQH) of 11,600 listeners over any 15-minute period.

Gil continued to reinvent himself, keeping in touch with his audience with an eclectic mix of music, news, sports and current affairs weekly.

In 2003, the Gil Bailey Show was awarded the International Reggae & World Music Awards (IRAWMA) top award for radio in North America. That same year, the Government of Jamaica and the Jamaican Consulate in New York also honored Gil for his outstanding contribution to Caribbean music and culture in the North American market. In 2013 the husband and wife team were among a distinguished list of honorees at the Caribbean Nights Award which took place at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn.

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The best dietary sources of vitamin D?

Vitamin D is a type of nutrient that the body produces when a person's skin has exposure to direct sunlight. People can also consume vitamin D, but it is not naturally present in many foods. High quantities of vitamin D are present in oily fish and certain types of mushrooms.

According to the Office of Dietary Supplements (ODS), the key benefit of vitamin D is that it helps keep a person's bones, muscles, and nerves healthy. It also contributes to a healthy immune system.

It is present in egg yolks if the chickens laying them are free-range. Some mushrooms also contain vitamin D.

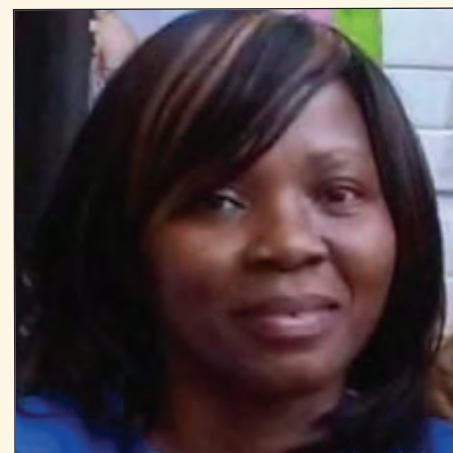
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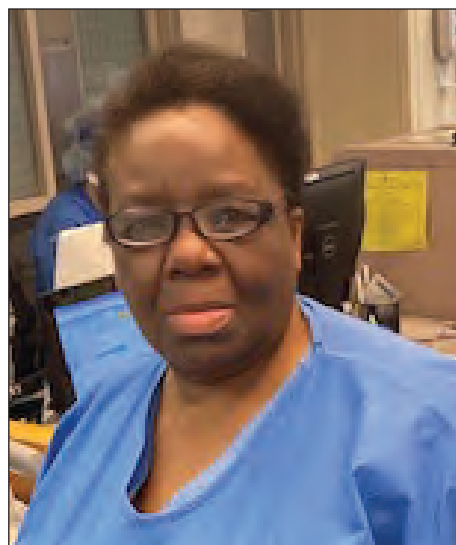
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Ms. Claudette Gordon



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North Central Bronx salutes our healthcare heroes

Dr. Steven Swancoat is a 34 year old board certified Ob/Gyn, artist and filmmaker. He completed his residency at Wyckoff Heights Medical Center in Brooklyn and received his medical training along with a masters in bio ethics from Kansas City University.

Swancoat is a traveling locum physician, however for the past year he has proudly called his home North Central Bronx. In between delivering babies and caring for pregnant mothers, he travels the world filming documentaries and exhibiting his artwork. However, this all changed once COVID-19 hit.

"Literally overnight, NCB turned into a COVID overspill hospital. Myself and a labor nurse Tia being the first to take on the new surge patients. In just 3 hours, our empty PACU turned into a full blown COVID ICU.

Although its nerve raking, I am honored to be able help at our front lines. I am also very proud to be a member of our hospital's Ethics committee, using my training to help our team make critical life-altering decisions on a near daily basis."

Faith-Tia Keevil is one of our heroes, she has been one of our lead nurses in the PACU/ICU helping guiding and training our nurses together! In these dark times she definitely has made a difference.

Born in Vietnam in 1971, because of the Vietnam War, was separated from my mother and lived in an orphanage in Saigon as a toddler. Came to the USA in 1975 through a military initiative called 'Operation Babylift' which airlifted over 3,000 abandoned children out of Vietnam before the war ended. Was adopted and grew up in Boston Massachusetts with nine older siblings.

Came to NY to go to college. Became a Nurse in 2004 as a '2nd career'. In 2013 Agency RN PACU/Ambulatory Surgery, 2014 Staff PACU/Perioperative Head Nurse and 2018 Staff Nurse Labor and Delivery.

Claudette Gordon has been part of the NCB family 14 years as a registered nurse. In that time she has worked in the geriatric med-surg unit working with our most vulnerable population.

She is popular with our patients as a staunch advocate for their care and proponent of the "golden rule."

While caring for COVID patients she ensures they are treated with compassion and empathy; a special touch, that is truly appreciated in these times where patients are unable to have family support at their bedside.

As an integral part of the team she welcomed volunteer nurses arriving from across the country and readily offered to help train them. Ms Gordon does not shy away from a challenge and provided vital feedback that helped improve communication across teams.

We salute Ms. Gordon and are proud to highlight her as one of our outstanding healthcare heroes.

Vinny Aloisio knows that to keep staff safe in this pandemic, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is the most important thing.

Aloisio knows that this is on everyone's mind. He is always rising to the occasion by ordering and keeping track of supplies and ensuring timely distribution to all staff and zones that need it.

He is always available day and night to ensure that what is needed it makes it to its destinations.

Because of his commitment to this organization, staff and community we want to thank him and recognize that he is one our heroes!

NYC Health + Hospitals marks progress for ICU bed expansion

Last month we began the construction of 120 temporary ICU beds at NYC Health + Hospitals/North Central Bronx to help manage the surge of COVID-19 patients and support our health system's plan to triple ICU bed capacity by May.

I'm pleased to report that construction is moving at a record pace and we will have the necessary new electric, plumbing, medical gas and other equipment ready to open the first set of ICU beds on the 10th floor of our hospital by the end of this month. The remaining temporary beds will be located in the 15th and 16th floor and will open in May, as planned.

I want to thank our partners Lothrop for design; Northstar with demolition;

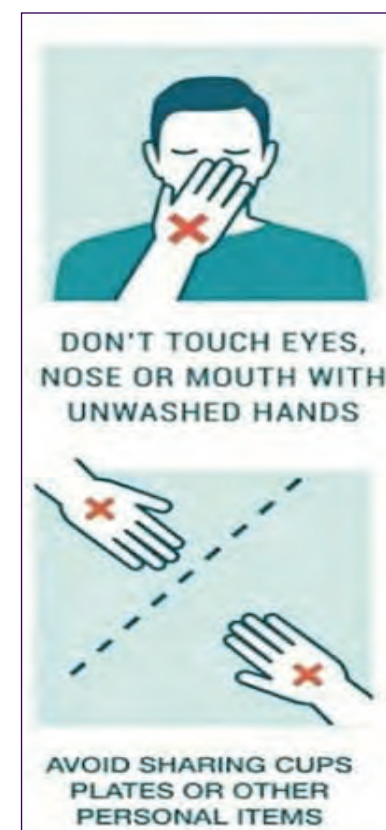


By Cristina Contreras
Executive Director
NYC Health + Hospital
North Central Bronx

Skanska USA for the building and construction. An undertaking of this magnitude would be impossible if not for the incredible partnership between these private sector companies and our great public institutions, including the Housing Recovery Office, the NYC Department of Buildings, the NYC Office of Management and Budget and FDNY.

The heroic health care workers of NYC Health + Hospitals/North Central Bronx stand ready in the face of this crisis and continue to rise to the challenge to care for New Yorkers with COVID-19 who continue to need intensive care.

We're proud to be able to provide these incredibly important services at this critical moment in our city's history.



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SPORTS

U.S women's soccer players lose equal-pay appeal, but will keep fighting

The World Cup success of Megan Rapinoe and the U.S. women's national team might have hurt its case for equal compensation from the U.S. Soccer Federation. And financial findings in the case could be leveraged against the team in an appeal.

After a federal judge dismissed the equal pay claims of the World Cup-winning women's national team on Friday night, it was not the words in the United States Soccer Federation's response that stuck out. It was the ones that weren't there.

Nowhere in its two-sentence statement did U.S. Soccer say it was happy with the decision.

The federation, which the women's national team began battling legally four years ago, had reason to celebrate. After a protracted fight that had pummeled the federation's reputation, embarrassed its leaders, angered its sponsors and threatened its financial future, the judge's ruling granting summary judgment in its favor in relation to equal pay arguments was not a mere triumph over the players. It was a devastating rejection of the core argument of the women's case.

For years, the players have argued that they are paid less than their counterparts on the men's national team. Over and over, they made the case that they deserved equal pay. They repeated that rallying cry in hashtags and on T-shirts and in news conferences, and they heard their fans chant it at friendly matches, World Cup finals and victory parades.

And then in one crushing paragraph in Friday's ruling, the judge in their lawsuit, R. Gary Klausner of Federal District Court in Los Angeles, told them they were wrong.

Not only had U.S. Soccer not paid the players less than the men, Klausner wrote, it had convinced him that "the WNT has been paid more on both a cumulative and an average per-game basis than the MNT" over the years covered in the case. The evidence the players' lawyers presented to counter the federation's math, he concluded, "is insufficient to create a genuine issue of material fact for trial."



Ramnaresh Sarwan (left) and Chris Gayle

Gayle launches scathing attack on Sarwan

Kingston, Jamaica WI:

In a scathing attack on his youtube page, veteran West Indies opener and former Jamaica Tallawahs captain Chris Gayle outlined the reasons behind his decision to join the St Lucia Zouks for this year's Caribbean Premier League competition. The self-proclaimed "Universe Boss" Gayle was in no mood to leave alone issues as he unleashed a stinging attack on the lack of transparency and principles displayed by Tallawahs CEO Jeff Miller.

Gayle who rejoined the franchise in 2016, said he agreed to take two pay cuts for this year's staging with all intentions of leading the team. The Tallawahs finished bottom of the table in the last edition, but Gayle says he would be disappointed if players knew what was happening behind the scenes and didn't tell him. The CPL is scheduled to run from August 19 to September 26 with the draft tentatively set for May 31.

Tallawahs management addresses impasse with Gayle

The ownership and management of the Jamaica Tallawahs have released a statement regarding the Chris Gayle impasse. The statement expressed disappointment on the part of the Tallawahs regarding comments made by Gayle in his recent youtube post.

It said despite Gayle giving several reasons for the team's decision not to retain him, the decision was made collectively by

the ownership and management team which did not include Ramnaresh Sarwan and was based purely on business and cricketing reasoning.

It further stated that the ownership and management team has exercised its rights in the selection of players for CPL 2020 for the betterment of the team and said it will not be making any further comments on the matter. On Wednesday, the Tallawahs issued a statement saying Sarwan wasn't involved in the decision to not retain Gayle.

Commonwealth Youth Games 2021 likely to be shifted

President of the Commonwealth Games Federation, Louise Martin has confirmed that the 2021 edition of the Commonwealth Youth Games in Trinidad and Tobago will likely be shifted. The August 1-7 age group event clashes with the Olympic games and Martin says she is in dialogue with the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to work out different dates.

The Commonwealth Youth Games is a quadrennial multi-sport event for athletes between the ages of 14 and 18.

The newest sport that will be added to the youth games is fast five netball. In 2017 in Nassau, Bahamas, Jamaica copped 2 gold, 3 silver and 4 bronze medals.

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4. Predatory Schools:

There are hundreds of for-profit schools in New York City that enroll New Yorkers in courses for everything from air conditioning repair and cosmetology to medical technician training. Some use high-pressure recruiting tactics and may mislead you into taking out a lot of financial aid and then make it difficult to complete your degree so you're forced to take out more aid. Do research about multiple schools, don't sign up the day you visit, and get the tuition cancellation policy in writing. If you have a problem, call 311 to file a complaint against a school of higher education.

5. Electronics Store Scams:

Some electronics stores prey on customers, especially tourists, by selling refurbished electronics as new and trying to sell unwanted accessories or extra warranties that may not cover more than the manufacturer's and retailer's warranties. Recently, some stores sell SIM cards with a special SIM card Agreement that consumers are required to sign. Then, in the event of data overage, consumers are charged high rates for usage. Research the product you want to buy and compare prices before you shop. Only shop at an electronics store that has a DCA license, check the refund policy before you pay, and take the box with you in case you need to return the item.

6. Parking Ticket Scam:

Beware of emails that appear to come from the NYC Department of Finance that ask you to open attachments or click on links to confirm parking ticket payments. Do not open any attachments or click on any links; ignore and

delete the email. This email is a phishing scam that could infect your computer with malware that can steal sensitive information like banking passwords or it may install ransomware that could lock all files on your computer until you pay a fee. If you want to check on the status of a parking violation, check with the Department of Finance at nyc.gov/finance.

7. ATM Skimmers:

Some identity thieves install skimmers on ATM machines that can read the information on your card. These small devices are hard to detect and go over the normal card slot. Use ATMs that are in the bank lobby or under video surveillance and always cover the keypad when you enter your PIN in case there's a hidden camera. If you notice tampering with an ATM, don't use it and report it to the bank. Get more identity theft prevention tips at nyc.gov/consumers.

8. Phone Scams:

There are a number of phone scams where the caller claims to be collecting a debt and threatens the victim into making payment. Green Dot Card Scams: NYPD warns that people are losing thousands of dollars in a phone scam involving Green Dot MoneyPak cards. The caller claims to be collecting a debt from a utility company like Con Edison or the IRS, or

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IRS Phone Scam: Callers pretending to be from the IRS threaten that the victims owe money or that they are entitled to a huge refund. Scammers often use fake names and IRS badge numbers and sometimes follow up with a call from the police department or DMV to verify the claim. They may even have the last four digits of a victim's Social Security number and manipulate caller ID to make it appear to be the IRS. The IRS will never call or email you for your personal or financial information.

9. Grandparent Scam:

When seniors get an email or phone call in the middle of the night stating that their grandchild is in serious trouble due to a car accident, jail time, detention in a foreign country, or any other emergency scenario, the first reaction may be to help by sending money quickly. However, creating that sense of urgency is part of a sophisticated scam that preys on the elderly. What makes the conversations with fake police offi-

cers, lawyers, and doctors convincing is that the caller may know personal details about the supposed victim and the caller ID may be manipulated to appear legitimate. Sometimes the caller will even impersonate the troubled grandchild. The financial losses tend to be thousands of dollars, so resist the pressure to act quickly and instead contact family to confirm the story and avoid wiring money based on a phone or email request.

10. Rental Listing Scam:

If you respond to a rental listing on a third party website like Craigslist, be wary of people who pretend to be real estate agents and then collect the money without owning the listing. When you're apartment hunting, never complete an application or give advance payment before seeing an available listing and never wire money or use a prepaid card like Green Dot MoneyPak. Red flags include an "agent" claiming that he is out of town but has arranged for the keys to be delivered to you once you make payment. DCA encourages consumer complaints and works with businesses to get back your money. In the last fiscal year alone, we've increased the amount of money consumers got back by 75 percent.

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RELATIONSHIP

How to be single and stay positive during the Coronavirus quarantine

By Sally Brown

Do you think you're the only one out there without a Quarantine Boo? Of course not. So as relationship coaches and professional matchmakers, we thought we would give you a few thoughts to get your mind right, refocus, and stay in the game—safely, of course.

Make Your List: Stay positive! We will get through this. Instead of meeting up with bad matches, use this time to dream about your ideal mate and how you are going to integrate him or her into your world when you do come face-to-face. Think about the characteristics they need to have to make you happy and work for you. This is a nice time to finally become clear on whom you'd like to share your life with and why, and how they need to show up for you. Write it out. Be intentional!

Make Room For Them: Over the years, with the fast pace of life, many of us have collected so much clutter in our homes and our spaces could use a good spring cleaning. Intentionality is a powerful tool. Start purging old items (especially from past relationships) to make room for your soon to be new love interest post quarantine. Hey, they may need a drawer when things get serious or room on your couch to cuddle with you. Even better, you'll have less stuff to move when the time comes to cohabitate with your future boo.

Makeover Your Social Media Accounts:

What does your social media say about who you are and your dating aspirations? Shuffle your most flattering and authentic photos to the top of the page. It's a great time to repost the more fun ones where you're traveling, out with friends, or laughing with a #tbt to gain new views and attention from someone new. Now that you have a little more free time, you can certainly respond to the comments and slide in a DM or three.

Play With Your Look: You have nothing but time to browse Pin-terest right now and create an inspiration board for that hair or beauty makeover you've been eyeing. Consider switching up your hairstyle or hair color so when it's time to step back out, you'll be trying out the new you.

Stay Upbeat: There's nothing more important right now than keeping our spirits up. How about having a virtual party with your girlfriends? We may not be able to travel and see them now, but hey, why not host a virtual girlfriend party in your PJs and grab some fabulous wine and cheese to bring to the virtual party? You'll have almost as much fun as you would be in the same room together.



Re-Evaluate Your Schedule: Yes, we've all been forced to slow down a bit now, so there's time to take a good hard look at all of your commitments—from boards and groups to volunteering. Have you been too busy to truly put yourself out there and date the way you want to? We know there are so many singles who have packed their calendars to capacity because they're not presently in a relationship. There's nothing wrong with this, but at times it can work against you. It could appear to someone eyeing you from afar that based on the way you move, you don't have room for new adventures or love in your life and you're doing just fine without it. Go through and keep the commitments you absolutely need and toss the ones you don't.

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